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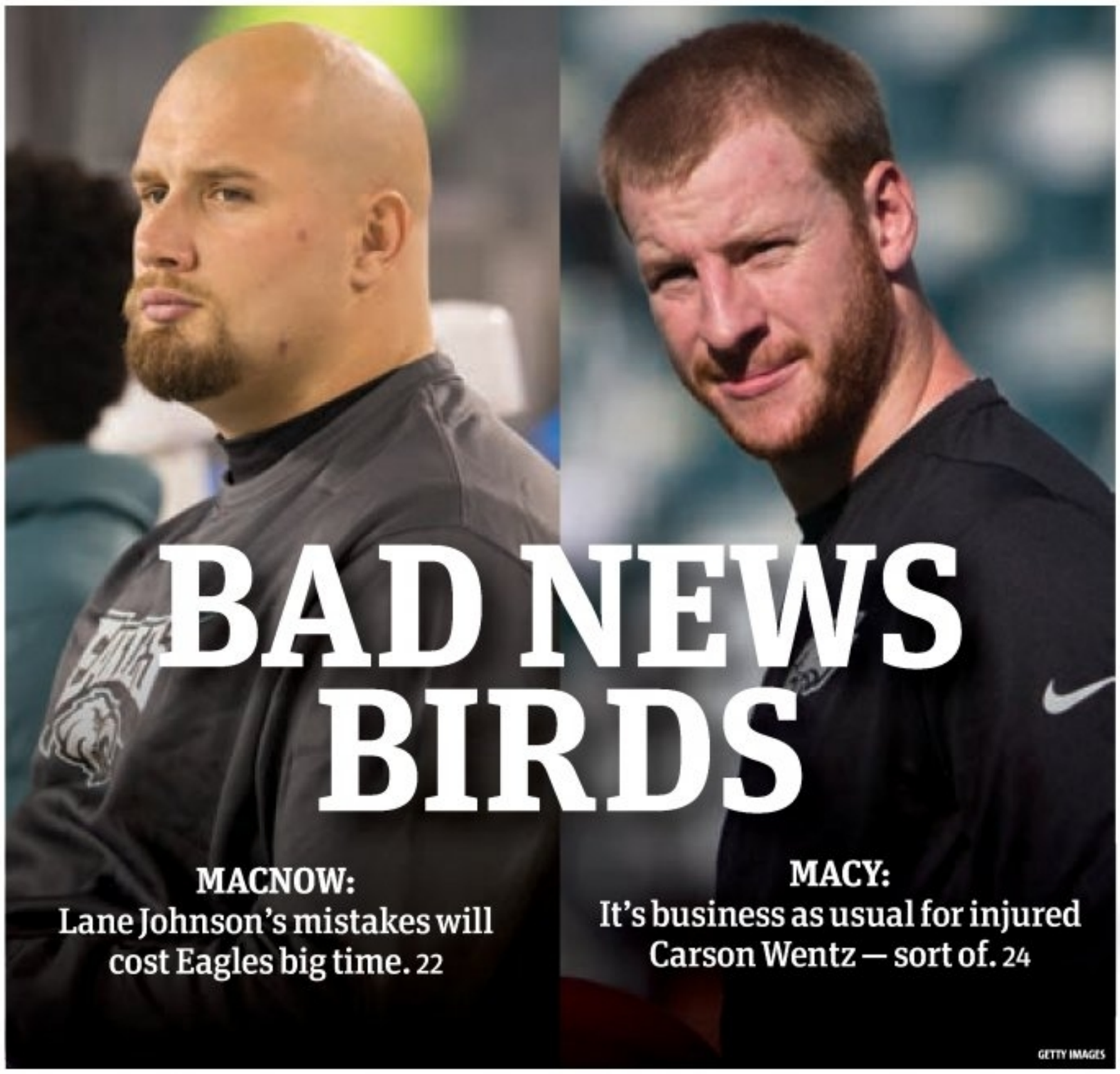

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WILDFIRE RAGES INTO CALIF. TOWN, BURNING HOMES, BUSINESSES

1 A rampaging wildfire that descended on a small Northern California town destroyed more than 100 homes and businesses, authorities said on Monday, as crews fought to save more dwellings from the flames. The so-called Clayton fire, which broke out on Saturday evening, was driven by fierce winds into the foothill community of Lower Lake, some 80 miles north of San Francisco, burning everything in its path and forcing hundreds of residents to flee. A damage assessment team was working to determine how many structures were lost, said Daniel Berlant of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. But he added, "we know it's well over 100," mostly homes. REUTERS

RUSSIA SAYS IT'S CLOSE TO JOINT MILITARY ACTION WITH US IN ALEPPO

2 Russia and the United States are close to starting joint military action against militants in Syria's city of Aleppo, Russian news agencies on Monday cited Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu as saying. Fighting for control of Aleppo has intensified in recent weeks and there have been some gains for rebel groups battling Syrian government forces. Shoigu's statements come as a surprise because Russia and the United States back different sides in the conflict while participating in talks to try to find a political solution. "We are now in a very active phase of negotiations with our American colleagues," the RIA news agency cited Shoigu as saying. "We are moving step by step closer to a plan — and I'm only talking about Aleppo here — that would really allow us to start fighting together to bring peace so that people can return to their homes in this troubled land." Shoigu said about 700,000 people were still living in Aleppo and that those living in the eastern part of the city were "hostages of armed groups." Russia backs President Assad in the 5-year-old Syrian conflict, while the United States wants to see Assad step down. REUTERS

US SUES UNITED FOR DENYING BENEFITS TO AIR FORCE RESERVIST

3 The U.S. government on Monday filed a lawsuit accusing United Airlines Inc. of denying employment benefits to a U.S. Air Force reservist during his military leave that it grants other workers for similar types of leave. The Department of Justice said it filed the lawsuit on behalf of Daniel Fandrei, a lieutenant colonel, against United, which is part of United Continental Holdings Inc.
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Officials determine father killed family in Berks County murder-suicide

The Short family. @NUTMEG036 VIA @ENDTHEWAITINGLIST/FACEBOOK; FACEBOOK

Mark Short, 40, legally purchased the firearm used to kill his three children and wife.

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Facing marital problems, a husband and father to three young children murdered his family before turning the gun on himself last weekend, officials said.

Mark Jason Short Sr., 40, and his wife Megan, 33, had been struggling through problems in their marriage for some time, the Berks County District Attorney's Office announced Monday.

On Aug. 6, Short used a firearm he purchased legally to fatally shoot Megan and their children, 8-year-old Liana, 5-year-old Mark Jr. and 2-year-old Willow, and the family dog. Short then handwrote a suicide note, before killing himself.

Police were called to the family's home in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, around 2 p.m. on Aug. 6 after Megan missed a prearranged meeting with her mother. Police went to the home for a welfare check, and forcibly entered through a rear kitchen window.

Police found five bodies and the slain dog in the living room area of the home, as well as a handgun, five empty .38 caliber casings and a murder-suicide note. All individuals were pronounced deceased by the county coroner later that evening.

As a result of their investigation, Berks County detectives found that the Short couple had several instances of marital disputes, and they were in the process of separating.

In early June, security for a Philadelphia hotel was called to the Short's room for domestic abuse, the DA said. On July 18, Sinking Spring police responded to a domestic dispute at the Short's home; no physical injuries had been found and no charges were filed. The next day, Mark Short lawfully purchased a firearm.

On July 25, Megan Short signed a lease for an apartment in Yardley, Pennsylvania, and intended to move her children there. Martin Short apparently intended to rent a moving van to help her move her belongings, as well.

"This was a very, very unfortunate incident," Berks County DA John Adams said Monday. "I don't know that anything can be learned, other than when leaving an abusive relationship, it's often a very abusive time for the victim."

Adams urged anyone in similar situations to develop safety plans with their local police departments.

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Kane obstruction trial goes to jury

The state AG is accused of leaking information illegally and lying about it.

Kane CHARLES MOSTOLLER

A lawyer for Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane on Monday accused the two main prosecution witnesses in her week long obstruction and perjury trial of telling self-serving lies to protect themselves.

Closing arguments by defense lawyer Seth Farber were the last stage in the trial before Judge Wendy Demchick-Alloy gave instructions to the jury and it began deliberating in a politically charged case that has riveted the state for a year.

The charges against Kane stem from allegations that she attempted to gain revenge against former prosecutor Frank Fina by leaking grand jury information to a reporter to embarrass him and then lied about it. She could serve up to seven years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Farber sought to raise questions about the credibility of Adrian King, a former deputy to the attorney general, and Josh Morrow, a political consultant who worked on her campaign.

Both King and Morrow took the stand as prosecution witnesses during the trial to testify about what went on behind closed doors in the attorney general's office.

"They point fingers at each other and tell lie after lie to protect themselves," Farber said during his closing arguments in a courtroom in Norristown, outside Philadelphia.

Farber took particular aim at Morrow's credibility, pointing out that he twice defended Kane's version of events in sworn grand jury testimony and then flipped to the prosecution after gaining immunity shortly before her trial began.

Defense lawyers have said Kane intended to make a legal leak of information to the press and did not know her aides would include grand jury material. They contend she made "honest mistakes" when testifying to the grand jury, but did not intentionally lie. Kane, who decided against running for re-election in November, chose not to testify in her own defense. REUTERS

Appeals court: Cosby effort to reseal case files declared moot

A federal appeals court on Monday rejected an effort by the comedian Bill Cosby to reseal court documents that helped support a ream of recent sexual assault cases against him.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled that Cosby's appeal was moot after the contents, including "damaging" admissions he had made in a 2005 deposition regarding his sexual behavior, received wide publicity.

"Resealing the documents would not provide Cosby with any meaningful relief, and thus this appeal is moot," the court said. "The contents of the documents are a matter of public knowledge, and we cannot pretend that we could change that fact by ordering them resealed."

Cosby, 78, once one of the most beloved U.S. entertainers thanks to his family-friendly persona, has been accused by more than 50 women of sexually assaulted them, often after plying them with drugs and alcohol, in attacks dating back decades. He has denied having non-consensual sex with any of them.

The documents include comments Cosby made in a deposition about his sexual behavior in connection with a complaint filed in U.S. District Court by Andrea Constand.

Constand, a former basketball coach at Cosby's alma mater Temple University, accused the comic of offering her an unidentified pill that left her unable to speak or move, and then assaulting her on a couch at his home in 2004.

Cosby has admitted giving Constand the allergy medication Benadryl but maintained they engaged in consensual acts.

Cosby GETTY IMAGES

The documents include admissions by Cosby that he had extramarital affairs, and that he had acquired the sedative known as Quaaludes and engaged in sexual relations with a woman after she took the drug, according to the appeal court's ruling.

They were unsealed in July 2015. REUTERS

Pa. cop rescues baby from hot car outside Target

The 1-year-old girl's grandmother and aunt have been charged.

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An off-duty Philadelphia police officer rescued a 1-year-old child who had been locked inside a car Sunday afternoon outside a Bensalem Target store.

Just before 4 p.m., when the temperature outside hit 97 degrees, the officer pried open a car door to rescue the baby. A passerby had reported seeing the girl and alerted police. But when Bucks County authorities arrived at the scene, the officer, whose name has not been released, was already holding the baby, CBS Philly reported.

Officials told NBC10 the 1-year-old girl had been alone in the car for 14 minutes, and the car's internal temperature had reached 115.4 degrees at the time of rescue.

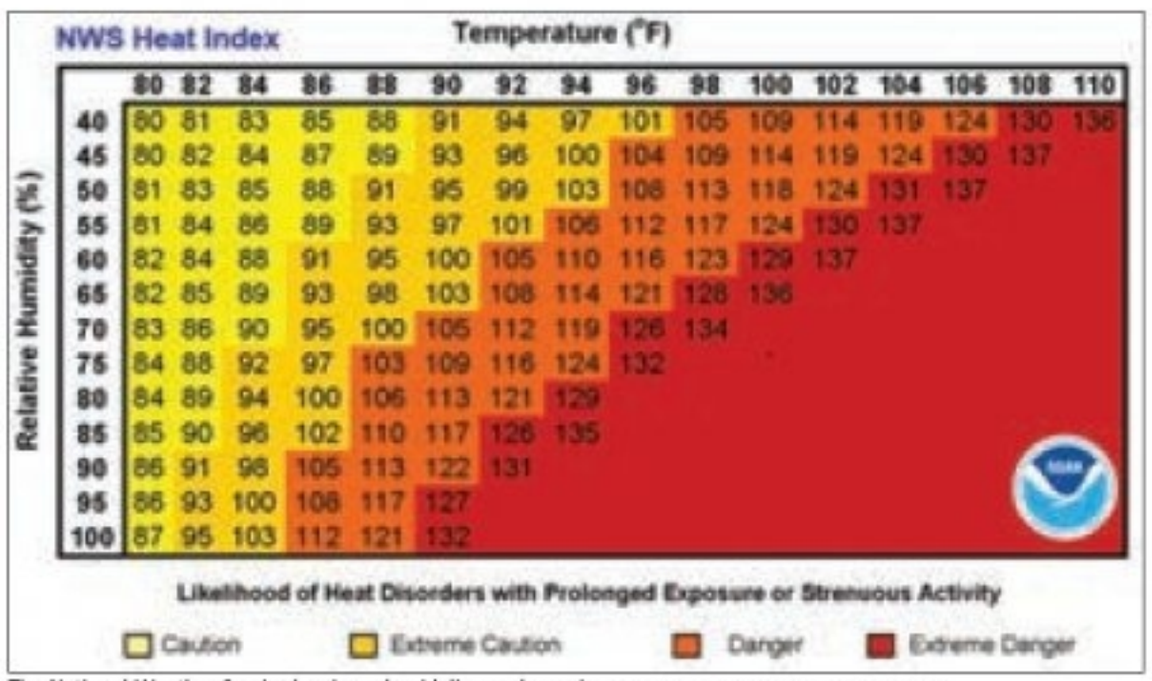
The girl was transported to St. Mary's Medical Center with her mother. Officials said she appeared to be in good condition.

The baby's grandmother, Patricia Diaz, and aunt, Katia Hernandez, were arrested and taken into custody. They were babysitting for the girl's mother when they decided to go shopping, according to 6ABC.

They told officials they forgot the girl was in the backseat when they exited the vehicle to go into the store, NBC10 reported.

Both women have been charged with endangering the welfare of a child and are being held in Bucks County Jail after failing to post bail. Their arraignment is scheduled for Aug. 24.

Heat wave claims fourth victim



The National Weather Service has issued guideline and warnings. COURTESY OF NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

A fourth heat-related death has been blamed on the latest heat wave, which has lasted six days and was expected to continue Tuesday.

A 72-year-old man, whose name has not been released, died Monday in the fourth death to be blamed on the high temperatures and humidity in Philadelphia in the past three days, and the eighth heat-related death this summer, the Pennsylvania Health Department announced, NBC10 Philadelphia reported.

The man suffered from diabetes, hypertension and obesity.

A 59-year-old North Philadelphia man, an 82-year-old Port Richmond woman and a 67-year-old Breweytown woman also died during the current heat wave. The women had other health conditions that contributed to their deaths, ABC6 Philadelphia reported.

Hitting record highs and triple-digit heat indexes, the heat wave will push on for at least one more day with heat-index values expected to be 103 to 108 on Tuesday afternoon, the city said. The National Weather Service has issued an excessive-heat warning for southeastern Pennsylvania.

Although the warning will be lifted Tuesday, temperatures are expected to remain in the 90s.

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BRIEF

Illinois families fight transgender access to school locker room
A lawyer for dozens of families from a suburban Chicago high school district argued in court on Monday that students' privacy was being violated at a school that allowed a transgender girl access to the girls' locker room under an agreement with the federal government.

A group of 63 students and 73 parents from Township High School District 211 challenged the agreement in federal court and is seeking a preliminary injunction to prevent enforcement.

Lawyers for the district, the U.S. Department of Education and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) argued that no one is harmed by the policy, which was agreed to last September after the ACLU filed a complaint in 2013 on behalf of a transgender student who was born male and identifies as female.

Similar battles are playing out around the country as the Department of Education has told public schools that transgender students must be allowed to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice.

Texas and a dozen other states asked a U.S. judge last week to block the Obama administration's guidance in the matter, saying it usurps the authority of school districts.

In Chicago, U.S. District Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Gilbert said he would issue a recommendation in the matter after he reviews all materials. Judge Jorge Alonso will make the decision on an injunction based on Gilbert's recommendation.

Sheila Lieber, an attorney who represents the Department of Education, argued in court at the hearing: "They have pointed to not one single student who has been harmed." The hearing coincided with the first day of school in District 211. REUTERS

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Family rescues Idaho girl from jaws of mountain lion

A mountain lion GETTY IMAGES

The 4-year-old girl suffered minor injuries from the attack near a hot springs in eastern Idaho, state wildlife officials said. The young male mountain lion believed to be behind the attack was later tracked and killed by authorities.

Idaho wildlife managers on Monday praised family members who charged a mountain lion and rescued a young girl from the jaws of the animal which was attempting to drag her off for the kill.

"She was literally in the mouth of the mountain lion when the quick thinking and heroic reactions of her mother and other adults saved her life," said Gregg Losinski, conservation educator with the state Department of Fish and Game. "The cat dropped her and backed off."

Losinski said the girl and her young cousins had been put down for a nap in a tent early Friday evening when the child strayed from the campsite and was almost immediately pounced upon by the big cat, also known as a cougar.

The lion had the girl in its jaws and was trying to drag her from the campsite when her mother and other relatives screamed and shouted as they charged the animal, which fled, Losinski said. The name of the girl and her family were not immediately disclosed, although authorities said they were from Idaho.

The family contacted authorities shortly after the attack, which left the girl with scratches, Losinski said. Fish and Game enlisted the aid of a hunter with hounds to track the lion suspected in the incident and local sheriff's deputies ultimately shot and killed it.

It is rare for mountain lions to attack people and even rarer for one to kill a human, with fatal attacks occurring about once every seven or eight years in the United States and Canada, he said.

No one in Idaho has been killed by a mountain lion in at least a century, even though the animals, which are subject to regulated hunting, number in the thousands in the state, said Losinski.

A mountain lion last injured a person in Idaho in 2011 when a boy was swiped by a cougar that had killed the child's pet dog. The only other known case involved a 12-year-old boy on the Salmon River in the early 1990s, according to the Department of Fish and Game. REUTERS

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Tensions high In Milwaukee

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A couple pushes a stroller on Monday in front of a building burned on the first night of disturbances following a shooting death by police in Milwaukee.

Texas judge tosses GM ignition-switch lawsuit

A Texas judge has thrown out a lawsuit against General Motors from a woman who blamed a 2012 car crash on a faulty ignition switch that later prompted the company to recall 2.6 million vehicles.

The Aug. 13 order from Judge Robert Schaffer in Harris County, Texas, came in a 2013 case brought by Gloria Alexander that the automaker had selected as the second test trial amid 20 similar cases in that state court over the ignition switch.

The first bellwether trial, picked by plaintiffs' lawyers, began last week. That case involves a man who had faced criminal charges in connection with a fatal accident he blamed on the ignition switch.

GM had argued that Alexander's case had no expert testimony to support allegations the

defective switch caused her 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt to veer out of control and strike a concrete barrier before being hit by a pickup truck.

A lawyer for Alexander, Angel Hagmaier, called the decision disappointing. She noted that GM previously admitted as part of an agreement to end a U.S. criminal investigation that some of its employees knew about problems with the ignition switch for more than a decade before taking action.

If the switch slips out of position, it can cut power to steering, air bags, brakes and other vehicle systems. GM had argued that because the air bags deployed in Alexander's vehicle, the ignition switch must have been functioning properly at the time.

The judge did not elaborate in his one-page order on why he granted GM's motion. A GM spokesman, Jim Cain, said in a statement that the ruling was the "right call."

The Texas cases represent a small slice of the hundreds of injury and death lawsuits against GM since it began to recall vehicles equipped with the switch in 2014. Federal lawsuits have been consolidated before a judge in New York.

Just one test trial in the federal litigation reached a verdict. Jurors in March found GM was not liable for causing a 2014 crash in New Orleans. Several other test trials have been settled or voluntarily dismissed. REUTERS

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Fix campaign or step aside, Wall Street Journal tells Trump

Trump has alienated his party and failed to establish a competent campaign operation, the paper said in an editorial.

Republican Donald Trump should fix his stumbling White House campaign in the next three weeks or step down, The Wall Street Journal said on Monday in a sharply worded warning from a leading conservative voice.

The Journal's editorial board, which generally favors Republicans, has been critical of Trump and has questioned his conservative credentials, but its warning on Monday was its strongest attack yet. It echoed growing alarm about Trump's candidacy among many leading Republicans who have been slow to embrace him or have completely distanced themselves.

The New York real estate developer, who has never held elected office, has been mired in weeks of controversy and opinion polls show him falling behind Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in the race for the Nov. 8 election.

The Journal urged Trump's backers to push the candidate to conduct himself with a more presidential demeanor and begin running a more disciplined campaign.

"If they can't get Mr. Trump to change his act by Labor Day, the GOP will have no choice but to write off the nominee as hopeless and focus on salvaging the Senate and House and other down-ballot races," it said.

Trump has increasingly begun to portray himself as a victim of the media. GETTY IMAGES

Labor Day, which falls on Sept. 5 this year, marks the end of summer vacations and traditionally launches the final phase of the long election season.

"As for Mr. Trump, he needs to stop blaming everyone else and decide if he wants to behave like someone who wants to be president — or turn the nomination over to Mike Pence," it said, referring to the Indiana governor, who is Trump's vice presidential running mate.

Trump has repeatedly provoked controversy in the weeks since his formal nomination as the Republican presidential candidate in July, despite appeals from party leaders for him to focus on issues that could win him the election.

He picked a fight with the parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain who was killed in Iraq and falsely accused President Barack Obama and Clinton of being "co-founders" of Islamic State. He later said he was being sarcastic but has continued to repeat the remark.

In an effort to right his campaign, Trump will deliver his second policy speech in as many weeks on Monday, this time an address on foreign policy. Speaking in Youngstown, Ohio, he will outline his plan to defeat Islamic State.

Most controversially, Trump has long said he will impose a temporary ban on Muslims entering the country, and has said he would "knock the hell out" of Islamic State.

Adding to Trump's woes this week was the news, first reported by The New York Times, that the name of his campaign manager, Paul Manafort, was on secret ledgers showing cash payments designated to him of more than $12 million from a Ukrainian political party with close ties to Russia. REUTERS

BRIEF

Republicans seek Trump presidency votes in Israel

The Israeli branch of the Republican Party began a campaign to get American voters living in Israel to cast absentee ballots in favor of Donald Trump.

According to the Israeli chapter of the Republican Party, around 300,000 Americans are eligible to vote. They live in Israel or in settlements in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Marc Zell, the head of Republicans Overseas Israel branch, said the campaign aimed to rekindle interest in U.S. politics among second- and third-generation citizens, many of whom have children who will be eligible to vote for the first time.

"We want to try to attract new voters who perhaps in the past had no special interest in voting in the U.S. elections," Zell told Reuters.

Tzvika Brot, who is heading the campaign, estimated that about three-quarters of American-Israelis would support the Republican Party. A Democratic Party representative in Israel disputed that estimate, telling Israel Radio the majority of Israeli and U.S. Jewish voters had always preferred the Democrats. REUTERS

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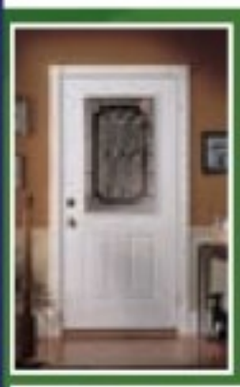

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

In the summer heat, the presidential race has seemed at times like an egg cooking on the sidewalk: plenty of sizzle but not going anywhere. That's finally changed. Polls are moving, the candidates are retrenching. Here are my three things to watch this week in politics:

1. HEADING FOR DIVORCE COURT?

Mainstream Republicans have been uneasy for months about the potentially damaging effect of Donald Trump as their nominee. Now it is turning to panic. Democratic skirmishers are forcing them to defend even screamingly red states such as Utah and Georgia, and in D.C. cafes Hillary Clinton's loyalists are all but picking curtains for their new offices as they lounge over iced coffee with soy milk. Some are even whispering the word "landslide." In this crazy election, they could yet be completely wrong. But the rift in the Republican family is growing noticeably deeper as strategists talk less about the presidential race, and more about trying to hold onto the House and Senate. Right now it feels like a trial separation, but if the candidate and his party don't get cozy again soon it could turn into a nasty, plate breaking, political divorce.

2. CAN WE TALK?

Their newly released tax returns show that the Clintons get paid well every time they agree to talk. Scratch that. I mean, insanely well. The couple scored $6.7 million in speaking fees alone last year with many of those appearances involving big money players in a variety of businesses. That will have Republicans and watchdog groups howling about conflicts of interest this week and, hmm — bringing up her secret bank speeches again? Yeah. Probably.

Jill Stein GETTY IMAGES

3. HEY, WHAT ABOUT ME?

If you still hate your major party choices in this race, CNN will be hosting a town hall with the Green Party pick Jill Stein and her presumptive running mate, Ajamu Baraka. It's happening Wednesday night, and considering how many people dislike the front-runners, who knows? Could be a lot of viewers.

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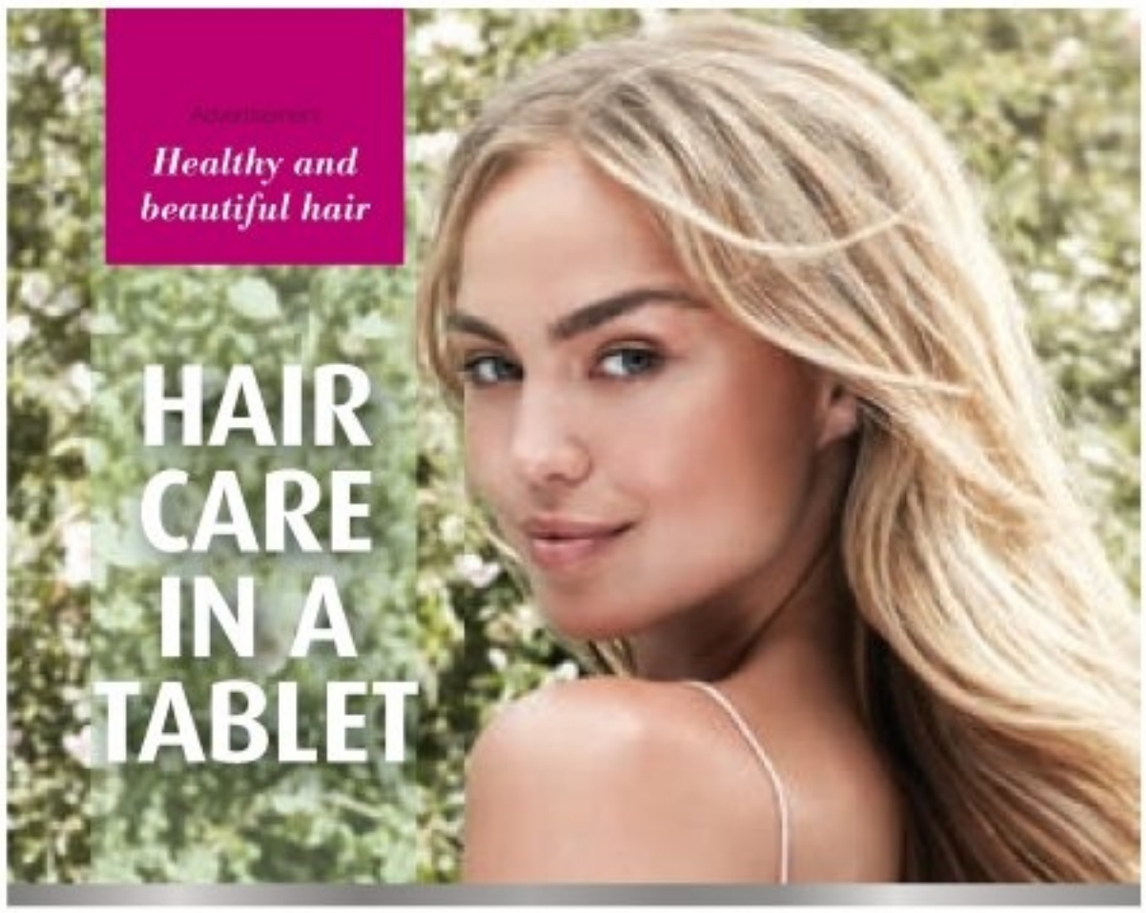

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Flooding disaster that killed seven in Louisiana now menaces Texas

Flooding in Texas was a concern on Monday with a flood watch extended from Houston to the Hill Country region in the central part of the state.

Overwhelmed rivers in much of southern Louisiana receded slowly from record levels on Monday while crews in boats searched for more people stranded in inundated homes after three days of torrential rains that killed seven people.

While the threat of flash flooding moved west into Texas, more than 11,000 Louisianans have signed up for disaster assistance. Many are waiting for the flood waters to drain away so they can determine what can be salvaged from their sodden homes and businesses.

Emergency crews already have rescued more than 20,000 people and continued to search for more after a storm dumped more than 2 feet of rain in three days.

Aerial photographs on Sunday showed houses inundated in mud-colored water with only their roofs visible while the bridge over the Amite River around Port Vincent, Louisiana, was almost underwater. People had become trapped overnight in their cars when the water rose on Saturday over parts of a major interstate around Baton Rouge.

While some rivers were receding on Monday, others downstream were still cresting.

"The water started rising three or four days ago and it's still coming up right now," said Lonnie Wells, 59, as he stood on flooded state highway in French Settlement, a town in southern Livingston Parish.

The Louisiana National Guard has rescued nearly 3,400 people and 400 pets during search and rescue operations due to heavy flash flooding in 12 parishes. LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

Wells said he would try to ride out the floods with his chickens, rabbits, goats and dogs, although neighbors urged him to flag down a passing Louisiana National Guard truck to get out.

"It is going to take a while for that water to make its way out."

McNatt

The Louisiana flooding, which prompted President Barack Obama to issue a disaster declaration, resulted in seven deaths, National Weather Service meteorologist Jennifer McNatt said. Four occurred when people drove vehicles into high waters.

"It is going to take a while for that water to make its way out," McNatt, who is based in Fort Worth, Texas, said in a telephone interview.

Rivers in Louisiana crested at record levels in multiple places, with the Amite River reaching 46.2 feet in Denham Springs, 5 feet higher than a 1983 record, McNatt said.

In flood-ravaged Livingston Parish, scores of people woke up on Monday in packed emergency shelters, sprawled out wherever they could find room. Emergency rescuers worked through the night to bring to safety people who were still stranded in roads in the middle of subdivisions, surrounded by flood water. REUTERS

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Texas woman arrested in murder of two children found under home

A 30-year-old Texas woman was in custody on murder charges after the bodies of her two young children were found hidden under a neighbor's home, police said on Monday.

Sheborah Thomas is accused of drowning her 7-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter and stashing their bodies in a crawl space at a home next door to her Houston residence, Houston Police said in a statement.

"Houston police officers were notified by a witness that Thomas had told him she had killed her two children" on Friday, police said.

Officers then took Thomas into custody and searched the area around her home, where they found the children's bodies, police said.

During an interview with homicide investigators, Thomas said she had drowned her children in a bathtub on Friday, police said. After the drownings, Thomas told investigators she wrapped the bodies in bed sheets and placed them in a trash can behind her house, police said.

After failing to dig a hole large enough to bury the bodies near the side of her home, Thomas said she placed her deceased children under her neighbor's house.

Police said the case was under investigation and did not release details about a motive for the killings.

An attorney for Thomas was not immediately identifiable.

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Sheborah Thomas POLICE HANDOUT

Martin Luther King Jr.'s heirs end Nobel medal dispute

Dexter King, Rev. Bernice King and Martin Luther King III GETTY IMAGES

Martin Luther King Jr.'s heirs have agreed to end their legal fight over who owns the slain civil rights leader's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize medal, according to a court document filed on Monday, but did not disclose if the item will be sold.

A trial to settle the years-long dispute over the medal had been set to start in Atlanta on Monday. It would have pitted King's two sons against his surviving daughter, who were at odds over whether to sell the medal.

The three siblings serve as directors of a corporation formed to manage the estate of King, who had no will when he was assassinated in 1968 by a white supremacist in Memphis, Tennessee.

Martin Luther King III and Dexter King voted in January 2014 to sell the medal and a Bible their father carried during the civil rights movement in the 1960s. Bernice King objected to a sale, calling the heirlooms "sacred" to the family.

Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney had ordered the items to be kept in a court-controlled safe deposit box pending the outcome of the lawsuit.

The judge on Monday signed an order in which the parties asked for the suit to be dismissed and agreed the keys to the box should be given to Martin Luther King III, who serves as chairman of the estate board.

The judge said in court he did not know any further details of the settlement.

Lawyers for the estate and Bernice King were not in court and did not respond to requests for comment.

Last month, McBurney ruled that the Bible, which President Barack Obama used in his second inauguration, belonged to the estate.

Former President Jimmy Carter was one of the mediators who had worked to secure a resolution of the lawsuit. Prospects for a settlement had been described as fair to poor, according to a court summary.

In its lawsuit against Bernice King, the estate said she signed a 1995 agreement giving control of King's possessions to the estate. But she said the estate never sent her a list of items to be turned over, as required in the settlement of a lawsuit over that agreement. REUTERS

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Selena and the Biebs: It's getting ugly

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The Jelena saga is getting ugly. But, the internet has spoken and it's #TeamSelena all the way.

When Biebs posted a series of selfies with alleged girlfriend Sofia Richie on Instagram, his Beliebers weren't very happy and reportedly started being "so mean" to the 17-year-old model. So, the "Sorry" singer threatened to make his account private.

Shortly after Bieber's post, the hashtag #RIPBeliebers started trending.

But just as the Beliebers were slowly coming to terms with the Biebs' ungrateful behavior, Selena Gomez shared some words of wisdom on Instagram. Suddenly, Beliebers became Selenators or the proper term "Selenators," after she basically accused Bieber of disrespecting his fans.

After Selly put her ex on blast, the trending topic changed to #SelenaEndedJustinParty.

The drama didn't end there. Even though Gomez seemingly won this battle, Bieber didn't back down. So, he fired back, accusing Gomez of using him for attention!

Clearly, Biebs forgot that Gomez was Alex Russo from "Wizards of Waverly Place" in 2009, while he was still posting YouTube videos. Tsk, tsk!

But then Gomez got super personal and accused the Biebs of cheating on her.

Selly then wanted to throw one last shot at and posted an Instagram collage of her fans.

Bieber's response: "I cheated...oh I forgot about you and Zayn."

At press time this is the last in the feud: Someone take their phones away from them.

Adele won't be playing the Super Bowl after all

Turns out the singer won't be saying "hello" from the outside after all. Adele set the record straight last weekend during her Staples Center concert in L.A., telling audience members, "First of all, I'm not doing the Super Bowl. I mean, come on, that show is not about music. And I don't really … I can't dance or anything like that. They were very kind, they did ask me, but I said no."

However, the NFL and halftime show sponsor Pepsi have both officially denied asking Adele to perform, going as far to release a joint statement noting: "The NFL and Pepsi are big fans of Adele. We have had conversations with several artists about the Pepsi Super Bowl halftime show. However, we have not at this point extended a formal offer to Adele or anyone else." Shade.

Rumors that Adele would follow in the footsteps of Bruno Mars, Beyonce and Katy Perry started last week when U.K. tabloid The Sun reported that the singer had been asked, but was wary of accepting.

Shah Rukh Khan has a good use for Pokémon Go

Even when you're stuck, there's always Pokémon Go.

Shah Rukh Khan may be the most famous Bollywood actor in the world, but that doesn't mean the red carpet is rolled out for him everywhere — namely, at U.S. airports. "I fully understand and respect security with the way the world is, but to be detained at U.S. immigration every damn time really really sucks," he tweeted.

But when life hands Khan lemons, he (presumably) does a peppy dance number about making lemonade. Or, in this case, the next best thing: "The brighter side is while waiting caught some really nice Pokemons."

Alas, it's not just security staffers who don't recognize the actor. Khan posted a heartfelt message on Instagram just a week ago revealing he's become a bit emotionally invested in catching 'em all. "Feeling extremely inadequate, unattractive & lonely. Been on the road for 45 mins & not one Pokemon has come to me. Not even a Pidgey or a Rattata."

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Kendall Jenner's horrifying stalker encounter

Imagine coming home late at night and seeing a stranger waiting for you in the dark. That's exactly what happened to 20-year-old model and "Keeping Up With The Kardashians" star Kendall Jenner at her recently purchased home in Hollywood Hills on Sunday night.

TMZ reports that as she approached her house, she saw a man standing by the driveway gate. As she drove through, he followed close behind and entered the property on foot.

Terrified, Jenner called the police and didn't leave her car until the scary situation was resolved.

The man was arrested for stalking. There was already a warrant out for his arrest, according to TMZ.

Looks like being famous isn't always a walk in the park, or the driveway.

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Ben Foster has some fun

An actor known for playing intense gets to play a fun psycho in "Hell or High Water."

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Ben Foster loves "Hell or High Water." And that's not just because it's his new movie. The acclaimed actor, 35, is picky, especially when it comes to watching his own films. An exception is the new thriller, which takes a pitiless yet hilarious look at two bank robbers (Foster and Chris Pine) unaware they're being pursued by a methodical Texas Ranger (Jeff Bridges).

Ben Foster, left, and Chris Pine play brothers who go on an epic bank robbing jag in "Hell or High Water," in theaters Friday. CBS FILMS

You've done unusually intense preparation for some roles. Did you have to do anything approaching intense for this?

It was a very aggressive diet of whiskey and hamburgers. I trained hard for it. [Laughs] Tanner [his character] is an animal. He's a man who enjoys his appetites. So I indulged some myself.

You've played psychos before. But Tanner really enjoys being bad.

I agree. He enjoys his life. He enjoys the transience of this human experience to the hilt. He knows he's not going to get out alive. It ain't gonna end pretty. So, in the meanwhile, whee!

He seems fun to play.

I've never had as much fun on a gig as I did on this one.

This isn't a comedy, but it's very funny. You do a lot of serious films. Do you want to be sent more comedy scripts?

I don't really watch a whole lot of movies, but I'd rather watch Louis C.K. or "Arrested Development" than most dramas. I don't have a bias for comedies. It depends on what crosses my table. I sure like to laugh more than anything. It might be better than sex. Funny sex might be the best.

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I read you don't watch your films. Have you seen this?

Yeah, I actually watched the film! And I like it! It's the first one I've watched in years. But I don't enjoy watching what I do most of the time. I'm usually pretty disappointed with how it was handled. That's the hard truth about it. Filmmakers and financiers come under pressure to serve a certain result, and that's not necessarily the one we started with. I come in and I build, and sometimes they handle it well, and sometimes they don't. I try not to worry about it and move onto the next one. This, on the other hand, I'm going to go see again tonight, which is unheard-of.

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From indies to Disney

Filmmaker David Lowery ("Ain't Them Bodies Saints") tells us how he wound up on "Pete's Dragon."

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Part of filmmaker David Lowery's new tasks on "Pete's Dragon" involved directing a movie with a CGI dragon (with Oakes Fegley in the foreground). DISNEY

Indie director David Lowery ("Ain't Them Bodies Saints") wound up going to the big leagues with "Pete's Dragon," which is not only a very, very loose take on the 1977 Disney original, it's also an atypically modest and intimate summer movie, even with big names like Bryce Dallas Howard and Robert Redford.

Tell me what the transition is like going from small films to a big one.

You know, it didn't end up feeling different. It was exactly the same experience; it just lasted longer. [Laughs] You have a lot more time for prep — that's always a good thing. And then you have a much longer shoot, which is also a good thing, though it also wears you down. And then there was 13 months in postproduction, which was a bizarre experience for me. To focus on one thing for that long, that was new to me. I'm a short-attention-span kind of person.

What about helping the child actors respond to — and even have a deep friendship with — something that on set is sometimes just a tennis ball on a stick?

I'm going to throw that entirely into the "Oakes is an amazing actor" category. [Laughs] I knew we needed a child who could sustain that sort of communication with something that's not there. It really comes down to imagination. Luckily that's something kids have a lot of. I was a little worried, though. Kids these days, who have iPads and things I didn't have at their age, you think, "Is there a deficit of imagination?" But that's not the case. They still have the capacity to imagine and to believe in something that's not there and to do so convincingly.

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We ask Diner en Blanc's co-hosts for clues about this year's location

Kayli Moran and Natanya DiBona also give advice to DEB newbies.

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From left: Kayli Moran and Natanya DiBona SEAN CORBETT PHOTOGRAPHY

Diner en Blanc is one of Philly's most talked-about social events. Now in its fifth year, this exclusive pop-up picnic, with origins in Paris, translates to "dinner in white," and attendees extend the theme to everything from their outfits to their picnic baskets to their table settings. On Aug. 18, more than 5,000 people will participate in the city's 2016 Diner en Blanc. We chat with event co-hosts, Natanya DiBona and Kayli Moran, about its history in Philadelphia and even get a few clues about this year's location.

How did Diner en Blanc get started here?

Kayli Moran: The son of the event's founder lives in Montreal and he decided to bring it to the United States in 2011. Around that time, it came to the attention of us in Philadelphia and so we looked into planning the event for its first year here in 2012.

Where has it been held in the past in Philly?

Natanya DiBona: Our first year was Logan Circle. Our second year was the JFK bridge with 30th Street station in the backdrop. Our third year was the Avenue of the Arts, also known as Broad Street, and last year was on the Marine Parade Grounds in the Navy Yard.

Now the event is in its fifth year. Why do you think it's been so popular?

DiBona: For Philadelphians, there are several reasons why it has really been a big hit. There are really no other events like this, in the sense that it is a massive pop-up picnic that combines a little bit of an elegant dining experience that appeals to foodies. The adventure of getting there really appeals to people who want to do something different, and then, essentially, it is a massive outdoor party. And everyone is dressed in white!

What should we definitely put in our picnic basket?

DiBona: Wine opener [laughs]. That is always important. Anything you would add, Kayli?

Moran: Matches for the sparklers or for your candles.

Are there any particular food items that work really well for Diner en Blanc?

Moran: I would say any cheese works really well because you are nibbling a lot throughout the evening. When Natanya and I went to Montreal, we did pasta salad. We had deviled eggs. I would say a cold chicken works well, too.

Any new developments this year?

DiBona: In the fifth year we are reflecting a bit more. It's a big anniversary so we are bringing back components of the events in the last four — [like] the first band, Hot Club Philly, that played on Logan Circle in 2012. We're having the drumline. We try and program to the location, of course. Like with the Avenue of the Arts, we had ballet dancers and Mummers.

Can you give us three clues as to this year's location?

Moran: [Laughs] I guess three clues would be Philadelphia, nostalgic and I don't know. I am looking at a picture of our layout right now...

DiBona: Beautiful.

Moran: Be prepared for everything!

Diner en Blanc will be held Aug. 18. For more info, visit: dinerenblanc.info

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First impressions are lasting ones. So imagine starting your freshman year of college here in Philadelphia. You probably know very little about the city, other than perhaps our unwarranted reputation as "horrible sports fans" and being home to the famed Liberty Bell. Oh, and then there's that whole "Rocky" thing. But truth be told, you're excited to see what the city has to offer for the next four years (hopefully longer).

Welcome to CollegeFest 2016. Presented by Campus Philly, this annual event is the city's opportunity to showcase the arts, culture and delicious noms that makes Philadelphia world-class.

Kicking off at Dilworth Park on Saturday, Sept. 10, that college ID of yours will grant free admission to a host of museums including: Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, African-American Museum in Philadelphia, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Rodin Museum, Philadelphia History Museum and the National Museum of American Jewish History, with free transportation to and from courtesy of the Philly PHLASH.

If you prefer to try and win some free stuff (what college student doesn't?), Dilworth Park will have a variety of games and giveaways from Capital One, Ikea, SEPTA and other local businesses.

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"Philadelphia is one of the only cities in the country that makes this welcome for college students, and Campus Philly continues that welcome all year round with our internship, culture and civic programming. That's one reason why 64% of students stay in Philadelphia after graduating, compared to an average of 41% in other regions," says Deborah Diamond, president of Campus Philly.

Not a student? CollegeFest is open to all but you will need that college ID for the wristband that guarantees free admission to the participating museums as well as complimentary rides on the PHLASH.

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Olympics legend Michael Phelps won big yet again in Rio, and got people talking about cupping. GETTY IMAGES

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Should you try cupping?

The Olympians have put this health fad front and center, but do you need rings on your back?

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The image of dark, reddish-purple circles on Michael Phelps' neck and back as he raced toward five gold medals is now fixed in the minds of millions of viewers of this year's Olympic Games.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you've probably heard by now that those circles resulted from cupping, the ancient Chinese practice of applying heated glass cups directly to the skin, creating suction that relieves tension and increases blood flow.

From Phelps to Olympian gymnast Alex Naddour and swimmer Natalie Coughlin, to celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow and Jennifer Aniston, it's all the rage.

And it's stoking the curiosity of everyday people, too.

Samantha Yurkosky, an acupuncturist at 16th Street Acupuncture in Manhattan, says she's seen an increase in appointments since the games began earlier this month.

Yurkosky tells us that while many of her patients tend to be marathon runners, dancers or athletes that follow an intense training regimen, cupping can benefit anyone who has tension to relieve.

"People who are at their desks all day have tight neck and shoulder issues, so we do cupping a lot around the neck and shoulder areas, and it helps with the tension of day-to-day life in New York — carrying heavy bags, looking down at your smartphone," she says.

"During the procedure, which is painless, Yurkosky says, cups are kept on the skin for five to 15 minutes. The marks last for two to three days."

In patients with a bad cold or bronchitis, it can also help remove phlegm from the lungs, she adds.

But like many alternative medicines, there's no proof that cupping actually works to improve athletic performance, relieve pain or treat certain medical conditions.

A big problem is in the design of tests. Accounting for the placebo effect — whether a patient actually feels better physically afterward, or just mentally because they expected to — is a challenge.

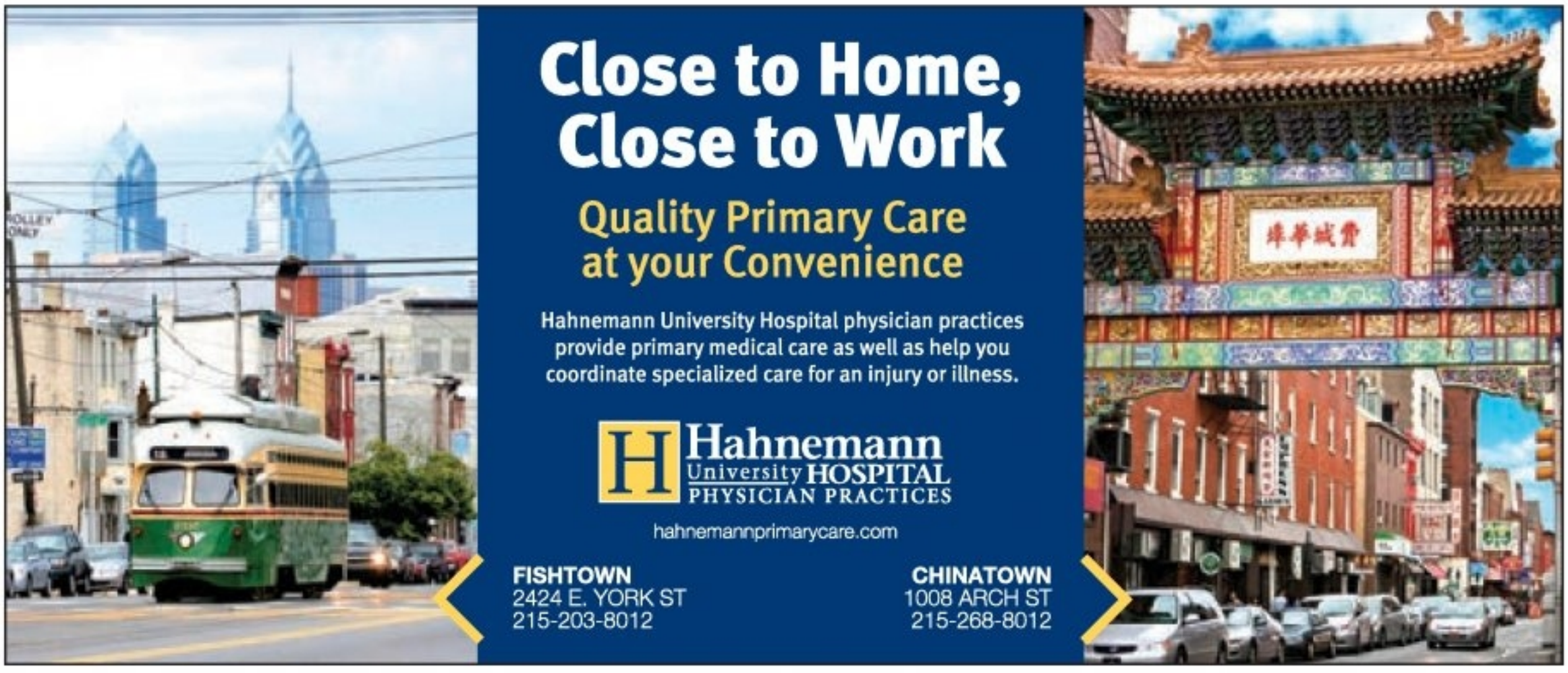
According to Yurkosky, cupping "feels like there's a baby octopus on your back. And when it's removed, you feel a big relief."

Aaron Cashman, the founder of Philadelphia Mind Body Acupuncture located at 1740 South St., agrees that "more research needs to be done to substantiate it." He says he'll typically do acupuncture first on a patient, and follow it with cupping — and that's more effective.

To explain how cupping works, he compared it to massage. "When you think of massage you're compressing the tissue, but cupping opens up the tissue, so that circulation can flow."

Cashman says he does cupping to treat a range of musculoskeletal issues. One example of treatment: "In athletes, sore muscles are sometimes a product of lactic acid buildup, and cupping can help move the lactic acid out of that part of the muscle."

As for it becoming a fad, Cashman makes a good point: "Acupuncture is something a lot of Olympic athletes receive, it's just not [as] visible as cupping," he says. "I think once people learn about it more and see it's not something that's painful or scary, more people will be interested in it. There are no side effects, except for those marks."



Don't underestimate the power of a bad (or good) relationship.

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Are relationships affecting your health?

We all know about broken hearts, but what can a breakup *really* do to your body? ISTOCK

We all know it's important to have good relationships in order to be happy. But can a bad breakup have long-term negative effects on your body? Or, on the flip side, can finding your soul mate lead to a happier, healthier you?

Studies have shown there are physical and mental consequences and benefits directly correlated to how our relationships are doing. A 2011 Columbia University study showed our brains experience withdrawal symptoms following a breakup, while the American Heart Association revealed that we really can suffer from a "broken heart" during times of distress.

We asked Dr. Carmen Harra, a psychologist and author — at work on her eighth book on relationships — for her take on how good and bad relationships can affect your health.

What can bad relationships do to your body?
There is a correlation between your state of being and your relationships. Your well-being affects your relationships and vice-versa.

Let's say you're out of shape — that could be because of fear of abandonment or a breakup manifesting. If you're battling an illness, you will become resilient and you will lash out on your partner. And dealing with those difficult emotions is the big problem. We tend to deal with our problems in self-destructive behaviors. For example, some people turn to drugs and to alcohol in order to cope with their situation.

Should a couple that fights all the time stay together?
Of course, everyone fights, but I believe in fighting in a constructive way. If the fighting isn't making you feel better about the problem at the end of the day, then the relationship is a negative one. It's important to cut out all negativity, and if you can't resolve the negative emotions in a romantic relationship, then it is important to end it.

How can you make your relationships better in order to stay healthy?
Emotions need to be processed. You don't need to release or ignore negative emotions right away, but you need to acknowledge them and process them. If you stuff them away, negative emotions can grow inside you like weeds. Letting those weeds grow can make you sick. So don't be afraid to feel sadness or rage or confusion, because embracing it will help you get rid of it.

If you're overwhelmed with the things that are getting you out of balance in your life, find a place and a practice where you can release and recharge on your own, instead of lashing out at the people around you. For example, going to the gym and meditating are good ways to release anger and other negative emotions. The point is to not hold onto emotions that can make you sick.

Do you believe in finding your soul mate?
Sometimes we have practical relationships that are just temporary. A person can come into your life for a reason and a season. He or she isn't coming to stay, but this person is teaching you something. It's hard to find your soul mate, but you shouldn't spend the rest of your life with someone if you both are settling. If you're compromising because it's convenient, you will end up living separate lives.

You should know the moment you see someone that they are your soul mate. And that doesn't mean that it's all easy — you might have a few bumps in the road. But the great thing about a soul mate is that the relationship only gets better. You just glow. You are emotionally in control and are the best, healthiest version of yourself, because the other empowers you. They support you and want you to be your best.

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JOHNSON BURIES THE EAGLES' 2016 SEASON

How bad will the Eagles record be when Lane Johnson returns from his 10-game suspension? GETTY IMAGES

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OPINION

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The rule of fandom has always been this: When other teams' players get suspended for PEDs, they are blatant cheaters, unworthy of any sympathy.

When ours get caught, however, they are good guys caught in a gaffe. So Carlos Ruiz's 25-game ban for Adderall in 2012 was dismissed as just a screw-up in prescriptions. Chooch got a standing ovation upon return.

We give our players every benefit of every doubt. We forgive. Until Lane Johnson. The Eagles right tackle is about to be slammed with a 10-game ban for using performance-enhancing substances — his second penalty in three years. And this time, very few Eagles fans trust that Johnson is that solid citizen tripped up by mere carelessness or a rigged system.

Johnson crawled from his foxhole of shame last weekend to blame everyone but himself for his poisonous pee test. His union which, he said, "doesn't support players." The supplement-screening app provided by that union, which carries several disclaimers he chose to ignore. The manufacturer of the mislabeled junk he bought online. Hey, who'd ever imagine that something purchased on the internet couldn't be 100 percent trusted?

This is an old song for Lane. He never totally manned up the first time he was suspended for PEDs in 2014. He blamed poor performance on Eagles fans in 2015, saying, "It's not really a home field advantage playing here anymore." He was the first player to rip Chip Kelly after the coach's dismissal. I didn't disagree with much of what Johnson said at that time, but thought it ungraceful of him to rush out with a shovel to bury the man who made him the fourth-overall pick in the draft.

Johnson has never quite played up to that lofty draft position. But the Eagles believed in him enough this offseason to give him a six-year deal with a $35.5 million guarantee. With Jason Peters' career fading, the 26-year-old Texan has been slotted in as the anchor left tackle of the future.

Forget that for now. Whether Johnson knowingly cheated in this instance or just got caught in a case of blatant stupidity, his impending suspension is about the worst news the Eagles could get.

Carson Wentz's cracked ribs are a bummer for fans who wanted to see his development this preseason, and it's compounded by the reality that we'll now have to watch more Chase Daniel. But Wentz won't be starting on Sept. 11 regardless, and wasn't part of any vague hope that the Eagles might actually be competitive this season.

Lane Johnson was among the most important players expected to take the field for the opener. Now, the right tackle will be Allen Barbre or Dennis Kelly or another overmatched body. And with Peters already rickety, the Eagles' offensive line projects to be worse than the inept quintet from last season.

The Vegas over/under for Eagles wins stands at 7.5. From this viewpoint, sitting here in mid-August, Lane Johnson just made the "under" seem inevitable.

'The Man' returns

The Phillies' proud recent past and not too distant future will collide in a three-game series at Citizens Bank Park when Chase Utley makes his first trip to South Philly since being traded to the Dodgers a few seasons ago. He and the Wild Card-leading Dodgers will step to the plate opposite three of the Phillies most promising pitching prospects. Vince Velasquez, Jake Thompson and Jared Eickhoff will all pitch this week against Los Angeles. GETTY IMAGES

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Does Wentz injury change the Eagles' plans for the rookie QB?

Carson Wentz is missing some really important rookie reps with a rib injury.

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Carson Wentz and his coaches are still hoping the rookie suits up and plays in the final preseason game. GETTY IMAGES

Remember the Eagles' plan to trade a ton of draft picks to move up to No. 2, draft Carson Wentz, let him learn in training camp and ease into a role as the quarterback of the future?

Well, they didn't count on Wentz getting hurt in his first preseason game.

The rookie took a hard hit to the ribs late Thursday after going 12-for-24 (for 89 yards and one interception) against the Buccaneers and suffered a hairline fracture of one of his ribs. He's been watching practice from the sidelines ever since.

"I just have to give it time," he said, "and we'll see what happens."

The injury was avoidable, says Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich. But he doesn't blame Wentz for the setback.

"Obviously as coaches, you cringe when that happens," Reich told the media Monday. "But it was a fourth and 7, he took it up inside the corner, kind of flashed at the last second and he didn't see him. I think Carson gets it. I think he gets it. I think he'll slide when he needs to slide. The injury came on a play where that could have happened to anybody. That had really nothing to do [with him], other than they ran a blitz we couldn't pick up. We just needed to make a slight adjustment in what we did there and get that ball out a little bit quicker."

The plan was, obviously, for Wentz to get reps early in camp to get his feet underneath him before Doug Pederson pivots to the starter, Sam Bradford, as the main recipient of practice reps. So what now?

"It's still easy for him to grow," Reich said, "[He's] just got to concentrate and get the mental reps. We're all a big believer in that. You can get the mental reps, you can still get a lot of film study and still be interacting with the players. Maybe even to more of an extent, interacting with the receivers, and talking about what you expect as a quarterback."

Wentz agrees, and will continue to get himself acclimated with the NFL.

"That's part of being a backup quarterback," Wentz said. "You gotta get the mental reps whether you're hurt or on the field. That's what I've been doing."

An optimistic Eagles estimate for Wentz' return is for the team's final preseason game against the Steelers in September. Is it too optimistic?

"I really hope so," Wentz said. "Heck, I'd love to play tomorrow. That's kind of how I am. We'll have to wait and see what the doctors recommend."

But …

"It hurts," Wentz also said. "It hurts … pretty much everything I do, but it'll be all right."

Eagles injury update

There are a lot of names on the Eagles' current injury list that will make fans cringe. Luckily, none of the players named below are expected to miss regular-season games — yet. Here's the latest on some important wounded Birds, their expected return dates and some thoughts from Eagles coaches:

Mychal Kendricks GETTY IMAGES

• **Carson Wentz, QB, rib fracture (Return ETA, final preseason game):** "He's an aggressive athlete, so there's going to be a time or two where he's going to take a shot, but we have to keep that to a minimum. He has to keep that to a minimum, but I think he has a pretty good handle on it." — OC Frank Reich

• **Wendell Smallwood, RB, quad strain (Return ETA, Thursday vs. Steelers):** "Just because a guy is healthy, there's still kind of — you have to work back into full action. That's a day-by-day decision that's really made between the head coach and the trainers." — Reich

• **Jordan Matthews, WR, bone bruise in knee (Return ETA, third preseason game):** "It's definitely one now that is day-to-day. There is no structural damage in there, which is definitely pleasing because on tape it looked like it could have been. But yeah, I'm just looking forward to when he does return." — HC Doug Pederson

• **Mychal Kendricks, LB, Hamstring (Return ETA, third preseason game):** "Mychal is a very, very conscientious player and he works very hard off the field. So he's getting all the mental reps and he's staying up and he's asking a lot of questions. He's staying up on those things. There's no substitute for doing it on the field, but it makes no sense to go out there if you can't physically do it." — DC Jim Schwartz

• **Also injured (status for preseason Week 2):** Josh Andrews, OL (ankle, questionable), Brandon Brooks, OG, (biceps, probable), Ron Broons, CB (neck, probable), Nolan Carroll, CB (ankle, probable), Marcus Johnson, WR (quad, probable), Bennie Logan, DT (calf, probable), Mike Martin, DT (knee, questionable), Cody Parkey, K (groin, probable), JaCorey Shepherd, CB (knee, questionable)

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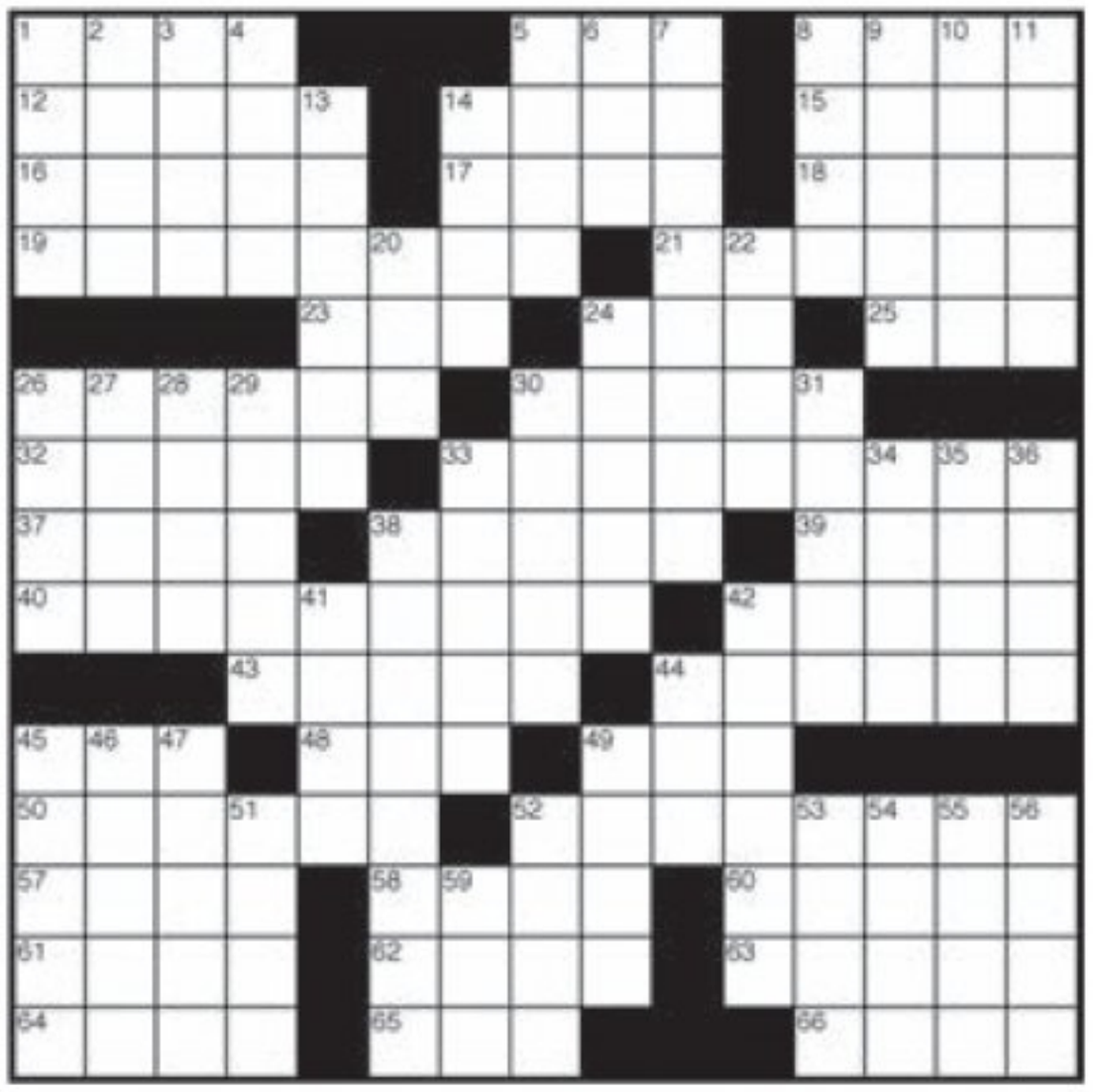
Across

1 Where to find a drone
5 — de deux
8 Branch
12 Martini extra
14 Backpack
15 Mr. Moto's reply (2 wds.)
16 Tee partner
17 Indigo plant
18 Popular beverage
19 Ennobling
21 Bounced off the walls
23 Forum hello
24 Gene material
25 A gal. has eight
26 "Bugsy" star
30 Bum off of
32 Kelp
33 Cut into strips, as carrots
37 Disparaging remark
38 Whittled down
39 Punctually
40 Tea clippers' concern
42 Pretty in Paris
43 Uh-oh!
44 Greeted the moon
45 Strangelove and No
48 Insult, slangily
49 Cartoon mice -- and Meek
50 Thoreau's pond
52 Mariachis, mostly
57 Adams or Brickell
58 It had three parts
60 Prickly pear
61 Shortage
62 WWW addresses
63 Mural undercoat
64 Pine
65 Cobbler
66 Lowest high tide

Down

1 Ice-fishing need
2 Holly, in botany
3 "— Zapata!"
4 Like Mr. Hyde
5 Twinge
6 Left Bank friend
7 Excellent
8 RPM meter
9 Rodeo yell
10 Cay
11 Incites
13 All you own
14 Masterson prop
20 University wall covering
22 Pet shop buy
24 Broad valleys
26 Some party!
27 La femme
28 Water, in Baja
29 Overdue
30 Miss Muffet's treat
31 Provide capital
33 Russell and Pauley
34 Not in effect
35 Journalist — Ducommun
36 Applied henna
38 Speaking (2 wds.)
41 Roomy
42 Not serious
44 Jinx
45 Harped on
46 Colonel Potter's aide
47 Pizza order
49 Electric swimmers
51 Hockey feint
52 Pack animal
53 Joel or Ethan
54 Nave neighbor
55 Blast-off org.
56 Tramp through mud
59 "Exodus" hero



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Aries An enthusiasm for experimentation accompanied by hard work and discipline will pay off. Giving back to your community by volunteering your time will also lead to new friendships.

Taurus Don't give in to emotional manipulation or be made to feel guilty. Surround yourself with people who think the same way you do. Listen to an expert and apply what you learn.

Gemini You won't see eye-to-eye with the people you interact with. Listen carefully and go about your business. You'll gain the most by working alone. Avoid temptation.

Cancer Go with the flow and see what happens. Your ability to adapt to the changes going on around you will be to your benefit. A romantic gesture is encouraged.

Leo Network with peers and share your experience. Don't let the actions of others upset you or cause you to leave your plans incomplete. Believe in yourself and what you have to offer.

Virgo Participate in events that involve colleagues or deal with changes going on in your industry. The people you meet will expand your knowledge and give you insight.

Libra If you listen to what your emotions are trying to tell you, you will know exactly what you have to do. A positive personal change will occur through communication with an expert.

Scorpio Expressing your feelings will give others the opportunity to share theirs as well. Together, you can find solutions that will help you move forward without fear, uncertainty or regret.

Sagittarius Consider your income options and look for alternatives that will help you make more doing something you enjoy or are good at. A change of location or of colleagues is favored.

Capricorn You can offer someone help, but not at the expense of forgoing a chance to make personal gains. Make suggestions, but don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you.

Aquarius Put energy and enthusiasm behind your plans in order to improve your current work situation. Taking on additional responsibility will impress someone influential.

Pisces A situation you face will require patience, understanding and the time and space to unfold naturally in order to turn out favorably. Good things will develop. EUGENIA LAST

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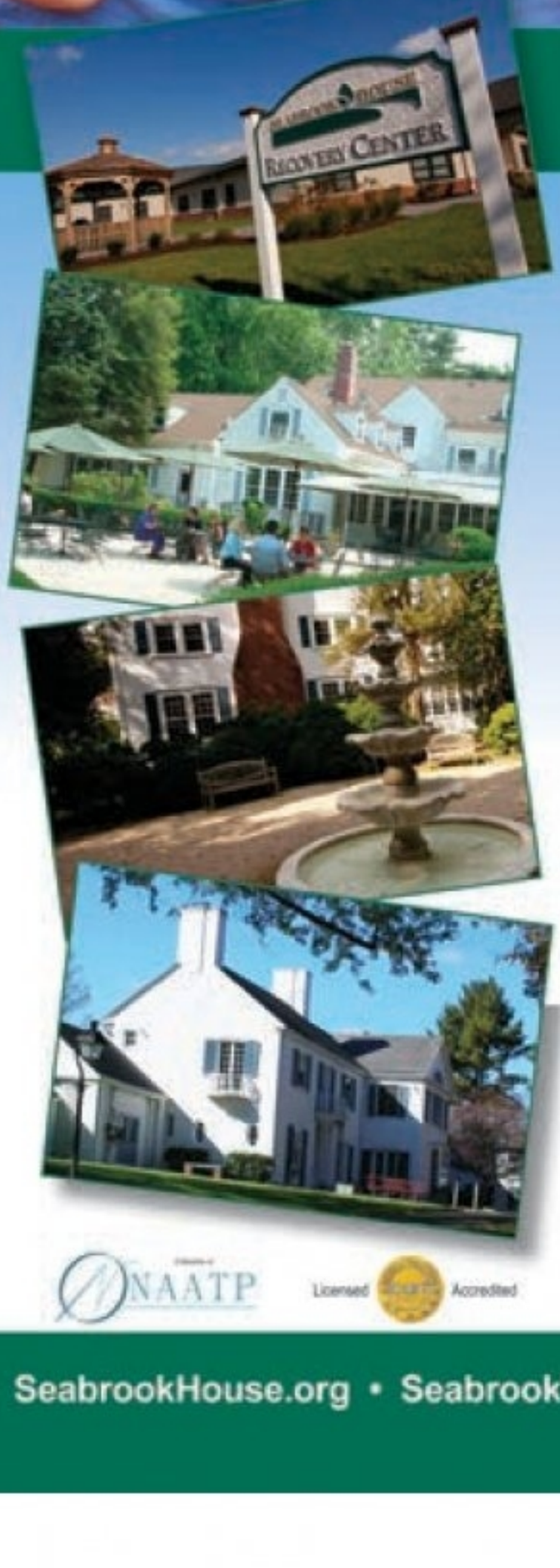

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